(d) whether any other adjoining States have also expressed similar reservation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Ustad Bismillah Khan's Desire to Perform at Rashtrapati Bhawan

333. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Ratna Ustad Bismillah Khan had at the recent investiture ceremony itself expressed his last ambition—to perform at the Rashtrapati Bhawan; and

(b) if so, the decision taken, if any, to respect the Shehnai maestro's wish?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Ustad Bismillah Khan did make a request to the President to grant him a wish to perform at Rashtrapati Bhawan. It is the President's prerogative to take a decision in the matter.

Bomb Explosions in High Security Office Complexes in New Delhi

334. SHRI C.O. POULOSE:
SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment of the recent spate of bomb explosions and grenade attacks in and around the high security Central Government office complexes in New Delhi, at North Block, South Block, Sena Bhawan and the hub of Government Security Agencies at the CGO Complex;

(b) if so, the details of investigations into these attacks and the identity of the terrorists, if established; and

(c) the fresh steps initiated to beef-up general security and to sanitise the office complexes, besides providing suitable security cover with appropriate unobstrusive sophisticated equipment including the highly sensitive jammers etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Whereas the three separate incidents that occurred in this area during the current year have been put to investigation, Delhi Police have drawn a firm action plan to prevent any terrorist attack in the area around North and South Blocks. Adequate arrangements have also been made to provide security around CGO Complex.

Utilisation of Funds by States for Curbing Naxalite Violence

†335. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have submitted details of the utilisation of the fund allocated to them from time to time by the Central Government to check the naxalite violence;

(b) whether naxalite affected States have shown any improvement in controlling the naxalite violence; and

(c) the State which has best utilised these funds and the position of naxalite violence there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Funds provided to States specifically for dealing with left wing extremism, are in the form of reimbursement of 50% of the Security Related Expenditure already incurred in respect of eligible items. Teams are sent to the concerned States after their claims are

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.